United States District Court Northern District of Oklahoma

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, et al.)
Plaintiffs,)
v.) 05-CV-0329 GKF-SAJ
Tyson Foods, Inc., et al.)
Defendants.)
)

CARGILL TURKEY PRODUCTION, LLC'S SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSES AND OBJECTIONS TO PLAINTIFFS' SEPTEMBER 13, 2007 SET OF INTERROGATORIES TO ALL DEFENDANTS

Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26 and 33, Defendant Cargill Turkey Production, LLC ("CTP") hereby provides the following supplemental responses and objections to Plaintiffs' September 13, 2007 Set of Interrogatories to all Defendants.

General Objections

CTP objects generally to each of Plaintiffs' Interrogatories and Requests for Production as overly broad and misleading to the extent that said Interrogatories and Requests (a) purport to define "Waters of the State" as encompassing waters outside the Illinois River Watershed; and (b) purport to define "poultry waste" as "any . . . waste associated with the confinement of poultry from a poultry growing or feeding operation." CTP further objects to Plaintiffs' use of the term "poultry waste" as argumentative, inasmuch as poultry material used as fertilizer is not "waste" but is in fact a useful and beneficial material.

CTP objects generally to each of Plaintiffs' Interrogatories and Requests for Production to the extent they request information prior to 2002 on issues other than corporate knowledge regarding the alleged detrimental effects of land application of "poultry waste," in conflict with

the Court's repeated rulings concerning the permitted five year temporal scope of Plaintiffs' discovery. (See, e.g., 10/24/07 Order at 7, 8: Dkt. No. 1336.)

CTP objects generally to each of Plaintiffs' Interrogatories as overly broad and unduly burdensome to the extent they seek data or information not maintained by CTP in the ordinary course of its business. Further, pursuant to Rule 33(d) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, CTP objects to each of Plaintiffs' Interrogatories as overly broad and unduly burdensome to the extent they demand that CTP calculate or compile data or information from documents for which the burden of ascertaining the answer would be substantially the same for Plaintiffs as it would be for CTP.

CTP objects generally to each of Plaintiffs' Interrogatories to the extent they seek information that is or may be more appropriately the subject of expert testimony and therefore exceeds the scope of expert discovery permitted by this Court's scheduling orders and by Fed. R. Civ. P. 26 (b)(4).

CTP objects generally to each of Plaintiffs' Requests for Documents as unduly burdensome to the extent they demand production of electronically stored information ("ESI") in native format without a showing that the method in which the ESI has been produced by CTP is not reasonably usable as required by Rule 34 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. CTP has previously produced its email in .tiff format with fully searchable text files pursuant to agreement with Plaintiffs and have produced all other ESI in the same manner consistent with communications between Plaintiffs' counsel and counsel for CTP.

SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSES TO INTERROGATORIES

Interrogatory No. 5: For each year since 1980 please state whether poultry waste generated at your own poultry growing / feeding operations and/or poultry growing / feeding operations under contract with you in the Illinois River Watershed has been transported out of the Illinois River Watershed, and, if so, the identity of each operation that generated the poultry waste, the amounts of poultry waste that were transported out, when the poultry waste was transported out, where the poultry waste was transported to, who transported the poultry waste out, who paid for the transport out, and how much the transport cost.

Response to No. 5:

CTP objects to this interrogatory on the ground that it requests information prior to 2002, in conflict with the Court's repeated rulings concerning the permitted temporal scope of Plaintiffs' discovery. (See, e.g., 10/24/07 Order at 7, 8: Dkt. No. 1336.) The request is therefore overly broad, unduly burdensome, and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

CTP further objects to Plaintiffs' interrogatory on the ground that their definition of "poultry waste" is compound, overly broad, and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. CTP further objects to Plaintiffs' use of the term "poultry waste" as argumentative, inasmuch as poultry material used as fertilizer is not "waste" but is in fact a useful and beneficial material.

CTP further objects to this interrogatory on the ground that it is overly broad and unduly burdensome to the extent it seeks data or information not maintained by CTP in the ordinary course of its business or demands that CTP calculate or compile data or information from documents for which the burden of ascertaining the answer would be substantially the

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same for Plaintiffs as it would be for CTP. Pursuant to Rule 33(d) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, CTP specifies in its responses below the documents from which Plaintiffs can derive the answer to this interrogatory.

Subject to and without waiving these objections:

With regard to CTP's breeder farms in the IRW, almost all poultry litter generated at these operations has been transported outside of the IRW since approximately October 2005. The only information CTP has regarding the details of the transportation of litter prior to Spring 2007, when CTP began transporting litter through BMPs, Inc., is contained in the documents bates numbered CARTP095156-CARTP095208. Since Spring 2007, CTP has transported litter from its breeder farms outside the IRW as follows:

<u>Farm</u>	Haul Date	Amount of Litter	Transportation Location	<u>Transporter</u>
Breeder Farm	7/19/07 – 7/23/07	119.2	Spiro, OK	Two States Sod
Breeder Farm #3	8/1/07 - 8/2/07	213.9 tons	Spiro, OK	Two States Sod
Breeder Farm #4	9/13/07 – 9/19/07	232.2 tons	Spiro, OK	Two States Sod / Jim Bob Cross
Breeder Farm #5	6/28/07 - 6/29/07	247 tons	Spiro, OK	Two States Sod
Breeder Farm #6	10/18/07 - 10/19/07	56 tons	Spiro, OK	Two States Sod

CTP has no knowledge regarding the costs of transportation as the buyer of the litter made all arrangements and paid all costs related to the litter's transportation.

With regard to CTP's independent contract growers in the IRW, to the knowledge of CTP these growers work directly with BMPs, Inc. to arrange for the transportation of their litter. CTP refers Plaintiffs to the documents produced by BMPs, Inc. pursuant to subpoena for the details of any such transportation.

Interrogatory No. 6: For poultry waste generated at your own poultry growing / feeding operations and/or poultry growing / feeding operations under contract with you in the Illinois River Watershed since 1980 that has not been transported out of the Illinois River Watershed,

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please state, broken down by year, how the poultry waste was disposed of (e.g., land application within the Illinois River Watershed, burning as fuel within the Illinois River Watershed, etc.) and the amount disposed of in each particular manner.

Response to No. 6:

CTP objects to this interrogatory on the ground that it requests information prior to 2002, in conflict with the Court's repeated rulings concerning the permitted temporal scope of Plaintiffs' discovery. (See, e.g., 10/24/07 Order at 7, 8: Dkt. No. 1336.) The request is therefore overly broad, unduly burdensome, and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

CTP further objects to Plaintiffs' interrogatory on the ground that their definition of "poultry waste" is compound, overly broad, and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. CTP further objects to Plaintiffs' use of the term "poultry waste" as argumentative, inasmuch as poultry material used as fertilizer is not "waste" but is in fact a useful and beneficial material.

CTP further objects to this interrogatory on the ground that it is overly broad and unduly burdensome to the extent it seeks data or information not maintained by CTP in the ordinary course of its business or demands that CTP calculate or compile data or information from documents for which the burden of ascertaining the answer would be substantially the same for Plaintiffs as it would be for CTP. Pursuant to Rule 33(d) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, CTP specifies in its responses below the documents from which Plaintiffs can derive the answer to this interrogatory.

Subject to and without waving these objections:

Prior to October 2005, the litter generated at CTP's breeder farms in the IRW was either land applied in a manner consistent with the state-approved Nutrient Management Plans produced as the documents bates numbered CARTP123734-CARTP123848, or it was sold as part of an in-kind transfer to the contractors who cleaned out CTP's poultry houses. CTP has no records regarding the in-kind transfers and, therefore, has no further information or knowledge regarding the amounts of litter removed and/or hauled by these contractors.

Since October 2005, almost all poultry litter generated at these operations has been transported outside of the IRW. The only information CTP has regarding the details of the transportation of litter prior to Spring 2007, when CTP began transporting litter through BMPs. Inc., is contained in the documents bates numbered CARTP095156-CARTP095208. In addition, since October 2005, small amounts of poultry material have been applied as fertilizer on CTP's operation sites in the Illinois River Watershed.

With regard to the operations of CTP's independent contract growers, to the knowledge of CTP its contract growers have used their litter pursuant to their Nutrient or Waste Managements Plans approved by the States of Arkansas or Oklahoma and in manners consistent with all applicable laws and regulations. CTP has no information regarding the amounts of litter used by its independent contract growers and directs Plaintiffs to the contract growers themselves for this information.

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